

**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – December 6, 2012**  
**Danvers Senior Center, 25 Stone Street, Danvers, MA 01923**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, at the Danvers Senior Center at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Dr. Kellard, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Janell Powers, Clerk; Molly Buccini, Danvers Patch; Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist; Marian Myers, Epidemiologist; and Christina O'Shea, Public Health Nurse.

**Approval of Minutes**

Swindell moved to accept. Kellard seconded. All were in favor.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**18 Broad Street-Variance Request**

David Harrington from Coneco Engineering was present to discuss the installation of the tight tank. He stated that Boston Gas, doing business as National Grid, owns the current tight tank and needs an upgrade because it is made of bricks and mortar. David provided a plan details that 6 to 8 employees check in first thing in the morning and then leave for the day. Within the next 6 months to a year, there may be only 1 person a day coming to this building. They would like to upgrade it to Title 5 regulations and install an alarm that notifies them of when it is time to be pumped out. A typical sewer would have to pass several gas lines to get connected to Town sewer line. It would be extremely difficult and dangerous.

Dr. Kellard asked what they need from the Board of Health. Mirandi replied a motion granting the variance from connecting this tight tank to sewage. Mirandi stated that for the amount of flow they are talking about, it is not an environmental issue to grant them a variance. Swindell asked about the neighbors and if they were notified. David said no, they were not and Mirandi stated it is not necessary.

Dr. Kellard motioned Mrs. Swindell seconded. All were in favor and the motion was granted.

Mirandi asked them to provide an as-built when it was complete. Mirandi added that the BOH will send him a letter.

**Permits and Licensing**

Mirandi stated that we are making progress with the Full Circle Permitting Software. He hi-lighted that we have received 61 on-line applications for Food Establishments, of which half have paid over \$3000 in fees so far for 2013.

**Public & Environmental Health Violations/Nuisance Investigations Report**

Mirandi stated that we have received 21 complaints, mostly in housing. Of the housing complaints, there has only been 1 for heating. We have had 5 Food Safety Complaints and a few Pest Control complaints that we typically get around this time of year.

There are only 5 housing complaints that are still being worked on, two of which Town Counsel is assisting with. Mr. Kowalski asked if all of the housing complaints have been taken care of. Mirandi replied yes, all others have been rectified.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

### **Public Health Nurse's Report**

Mirandi stated that O'Shea is billing Medicare and we will be getting reimbursed for each injection (flu shot) given. Christina stated that the last time that the Town submitted for re-imburement was in 2007. She added that she is working on an application to become a vendor. She attended a training in Tewksbury. Christina stated that she was originally allotted 440 flu vaccine but received more from the State upon request. She has now received a total of 760. To date, she has given 607 shots and they have 153 left to give. The vaccine expires June of 2013. She will be holding another Flu Clinic on December 13, 2012 from 5 – 7 pm. She has done 15 clinics so far.

To date, based on the numbers, we hired UMASS to process the private insurance claims and they take 10% for doing this. She took an average and hopes to generate \$6969.

O'Shea also stated that she has also done outreach to the homebound. They have 75 people on meals on wheels and she has done 3 home visits and has 3 more scheduled. She has inoculated all schools, police, fire, town hall and a collaboration with the library and has done public workers and Danversport Yacht Club.

Christina's blood pressure clinics have gone from 31 people, when she started in September of 2011 to 83 at the high peek. She is working on tracking new clients for reporting.

### **Epidemiology Report**

Marian Myers was present and stated that she has had 2 cases of Hepatitis C and 1 case of Influenza (first case in Danvers this year), 1 case strep pneumonia since the last meeting in October. She had a busy summer with foodborne illnesses. Campy and salmonellosis were up this year.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

No new business to report at this time.

## **SUN SAFETY**

Mirandi stated that the presentation before the Selectmen was not our finest hour, due to some technical difficulties. However, Ruth Price did a good job. He stated that the selectmen and Wayne's interest in this subject was important toward the development of regional services. Mirandi added that we are the best trained, especially for Food Safety and Housing. He will keep the board posted on this.

## **ANIMAL & PEST CONTROL**

## **Animal Health**

Jean Marcotti was present and reported that she has investigated 3 dog bites. Marcotti also reported that Strays In Need have adopted 22 kittens out since October 10, 2012. They had so many due to 3 cats that came in were pregnant.

## **TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE**

Mirandi stated that he has not heard anything in a couple of months on this. There were no updates at this time.

## **HOUSING**

### **52 Centre Street**

Mirandi stated that the BOH ordered it to be boarded up. It is off our docket. Apparently, it is an important piece of architecture that has to go through some procedures.

### **33 Water Street**

Mirandi stated that this address made it to the Federal Register and onto the Super Fund List. The EPA would like to come back on January 10, 2012 and give the board an update. DEP will also be attending. We will hold this meeting at the Senior Center. There is a repository at the library that is available to anyone doing research. We have referred some students over there to date.

### **152 Endicott Street**

Mirandi stated that this is an on-going issue and they were in Housing Court for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. They are going to give it another chance administratively. Town Counsel is working on this.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Retirement Award for Dr. Kellard**

Mr. Kowalski stated that he has enjoyed the 12 years that Dr. Kellard has given to the Board of Health. He stated that Dr. Kellard will certainly be a hard act to follow. Kowalski stated that they have appreciated everything that he has done for the Town, the Board of Health and all that he has taught them. Mrs. Swindell added that it has been a privilege and an honor to serve with Dr. Kellard as well as at the Hunt Hospital. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with him and she has learned so much from him and wishes him all the best. Mr. Kowalski handed him a plaque for thanking him for his 12 years of dedicated years on the Board of Health.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Ms. Swindell motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kowalski seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Janell Powers  
Board of Health Clerk